



Docket No.: 1614.1349

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tadashi Kumamoto, et al.

Serial No. 10/626,667

Group Art Unit: 2833

Confirmation No. 1822

Filed: July 25, 2003

Examiner: Hien D. Vu

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## **COMMUNICATION REGARDING RETURNED MAIL**

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Reply/Amendment in the subject application was placed in U.S. Postal Service for filing by mailing in accordance with the signed Certificate of Mailing Date of September 17, 2004, and which was timely filed as of that date and thus no Petition or related fee for any extension of time was necessary. The original is enclosed.

Also enclosed is a copy of the front of the mailing envelope, bearing the postage meter stamp dated September 17, 2004 and addressed, in the original, to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, and bearing, as well the return address of the firm of the undersigned.

On Monday, September 20, 2004 the unopened envelope was returned to the offices of the undersigned by an employee of the Postal Service, who explained that the envelope had become wet and the mailing address was smeared to the extent it was essentially not readable and clearly not adequate for delivery to the intended recipient.

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Nevertheless, if a petition fee is required for a one month extension of time, the same is hereby requested and the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the petition fee in the amount of \$110.00 from Deposit Account No. 19-3935 of the undersigned firm for Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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